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Prior Application:

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a [] continuation [X] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/220,223 filed on December 23, 1998,

of Toshio Kobayashi, Miou Suzuki and Naohito Takeuchi
 (Inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for NONWOVEN FABRIC AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME
 (Title of Invention)

1. [X] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. Said application being Serial No. 09/220,223 as originally filed on December 23, 1998.
2. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION,
 LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

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Total Claims	<u>2</u>	-20	<u>*</u>	\$18.00	<u>\$690.00</u>
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Multiple Dependent Claims				+ \$260.00	<u>\$*</u>
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3. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 02-0385, BAKER & DANIELS. (This sheet is enclosed in triplicate.)
4. [X] A check in the amount of \$ 690.00 is enclosed.
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5. [X] Cancel in this application original claims 1-3 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---This is a division of application Serial No. 09/220,223, filed December 23, 1998.---
7. [] New informal drawings are enclosed.
8. [X] Priority of Application Serial No. 9-359099 filed December 26, 1997 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- [] The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. *, filed *.
9. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
10. [] The prior application is assigned of record to
- 11a. [X] The power of attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- 11b. [] A new power of attorney is enclosed.
- 11c. [X] Address all future communications to:
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12. [X] A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

August 31, 2000

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Re: New Divisional Patent Application
Corresponding to:
U.S. Application Serial No. 09/220,223
Filed: December 23, 1998
Our Ref. SHC0029-01

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a divisional patent application under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b) of the pending above-identified application. The divisional application filing fee of \$690.00 is also enclosed. If the enclosed remittance is insufficient, please charge Account No. 02-0385, BAKER & DANIELS.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enc. Divisional Application Transmittal Page - In Triplicate
Specification (11 pages), Claims (2 pages) and Abstract (1 page)
Three (3) Sheets of Formal Drawings
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